Cost Study of Ampicillin Trihydrate

2850. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 344 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) when was the BICP asked to conduct cost study of Ampicillin Trihydrate;

(b) names of the units whose production was studied;

(c) whether it is a fact that three months time has Passed;

(d) if so, when was the recommendations on bulk drug and formulations received;

(e) what are the reasons for delay in fixation of reduced prices;

(f) whether it is a fact that public is being robbed every year by over Rupees Forty crores; and

(g) what immediate steps have been taken to fix prices of formulations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) BICP is required to send recommendations on the fair prices of all scheduled drugs included under DPCO, 1987 promulgated w.e.f. 26th August, 1987. They have been reminded from time to time.

(b) and (c) Cost study of the individual units is yet to be taken up by the BICP as the units have not made available the cost data. Last reminder to the units has been sent by the BICP on 22nd August, 1990.

(d) Recommendations on the fair prices of Ampicillin drug are yet to be received.

(e) The main reasons for not finalising the study is the non-cooperation of the units in making available the requisite data.

(f) and (g) If the units fail to respond, steps would be taken to fix the price of bulk drug and formulation on a *suo-moto* basis on the basis of whatever data is available with the Government.

Reimbursement from DPEA to IDPL and HAL

2851. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 340 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the amount reimbursed from DPEA to IDPL and HAL from DPEA during 1986-87 to 1988-89 in respect of each bulk drug and intermediate:

(b) what are the names of officers of his Ministry who accompanies with Managing Directors of each company to trips abroad during the last three years and what was the purpose of each trip:

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has come accross certain instances which has established linkage between tours and reimbursement;

(d) if so, what are the details of such instances; and

(e) what is the present position of assessment of liabilities against each company and by when final liabilities would be communicated to them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The following amounts have been reimbursed to IDPL and HAL from 1986-87 to 1988-89 from the Drug Prices Equalisation Account in respect of 6 APA and bulk drugs Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2 etc.

Sl.No.	Year	Amount reimbursed (Rs. in lakhs)	
		IDPL	HAL
(i)	1986-87	92.33	37.10
(ii)	1987-88	292.88	76.87
(iii)	1988-89	115.00	18.26

(b) to (d) Officers of the Deptt. do sometimes form a part of the delegations, along with the Chief Executives etc. of the public Sector Enterprises, for visits to foreign countries, whenever it is considered necessary, in public interest, to participate in important discussions, particularly connected with the Govt.'s policies. Such visits are allowed after due examination & approval of the competent Government authorities, as per the general instructions at the relevant time and the question of any linkage between such tours and reimbursements under DPEA does not arise.

(e) The process of finalising the liabilities is in progress.

Unemployed Doctors

2852. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed doctors in the country State-wise on the 31st March, 1990;

(b) the number of doctors out of them expected to get employment in the next two years; and

(c) the steps taken and proposed to be taken to provide employment to the qualified doctors in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The number of unemployed doctors in the country as on 30th June, 1988 and as on 31st December, 1988 supplied by the Directorate General of Employment and Traning is given in Appendix (*see below*) The latest figures are not yet available.

(b) It cannot be stated that all those registered in the employment exchanges are necessarily unemployed nor all unemployed doctors are registered with the employment exchanges. There is no definite information as to the number of doctors who will be getting employment in the next two years, as the doctors are employed by various agencies including the Central Government, State Governments, public sector undertakings, private organisations etc, in addition to self-employment.

(c) There is no special scheme with the Central Government to provide employment to qualified doctors in the near future except for the normal vacancies that would arise from time to time.